

8. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, hydrogenated acids and their salts.

9. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of rosins, hydrogenated rosins and disproportionated rosins.

10. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the metal M is copper or zinc.

11. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the ratio of the monobasic acid to the acrylic resin constituting the metal-containing acrylic resin is 0.9/1.1 to 1.2/0.8 by weight on a nonvolatile matter basis.

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 comprising an additional binder resin in a weight ratio, on a nonvolatile basis, of metal-containing acrylic resin to additional binder resin of 0.6 to 5.0.

14. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the acrylic resin contains a metal-containing acrylic resin in a weight ratio of 8/2 to 10/2, and the glass transition temperature of not higher than 20 °C.

15. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

16. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

17. (Cancelled) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

18. (Cancelled) The antifouling coating according to Claim 3 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

19. (Cancelled) The antifouling coating according to Claim 4 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

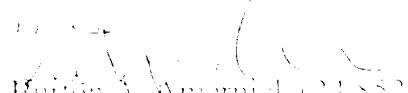
20. (Cancelled) The antifouling coating according to Claim 8 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

21. (Cancelled) The antifouling coating according to Claim 6 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependences and to improve clarity of thought. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims be issued prior to the expiration of the patent term.

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